CPCS Reconcile Transactions

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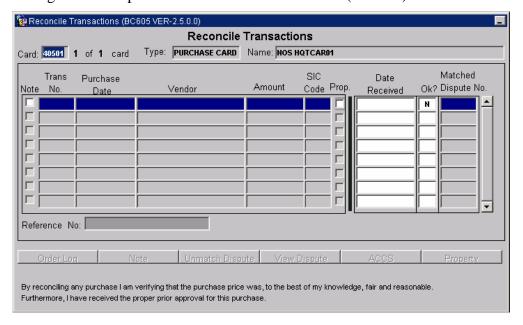
This procedure describes how to reconcile purchase card transactions. Reconciling involves making sure that each individual transaction on the cardholder's bankcard statement is correct and accounted for properly. Statements must be reconciled and transactions approved by the approving official on a monthly basis.

Towards the end of each month, the system sweeps all unreconciled transactions. A notice is sent to CPCS users identifying the sweep date for that particular month. Swept transactions will be charged to the default ACCS specified for the cardholder. During the sweep process, the system also sweeps transactions that were reconciled by the cardholder which were not approved by the cardholder's approving official. For those transactions, the ACCS specified by the cardholder/group administrator during the reconciliation process will be charged. After the sweep process, cardholders are still responsible for reconciling any swept transactions to ensure that the costs are correct and the applicable ACCS is charged.

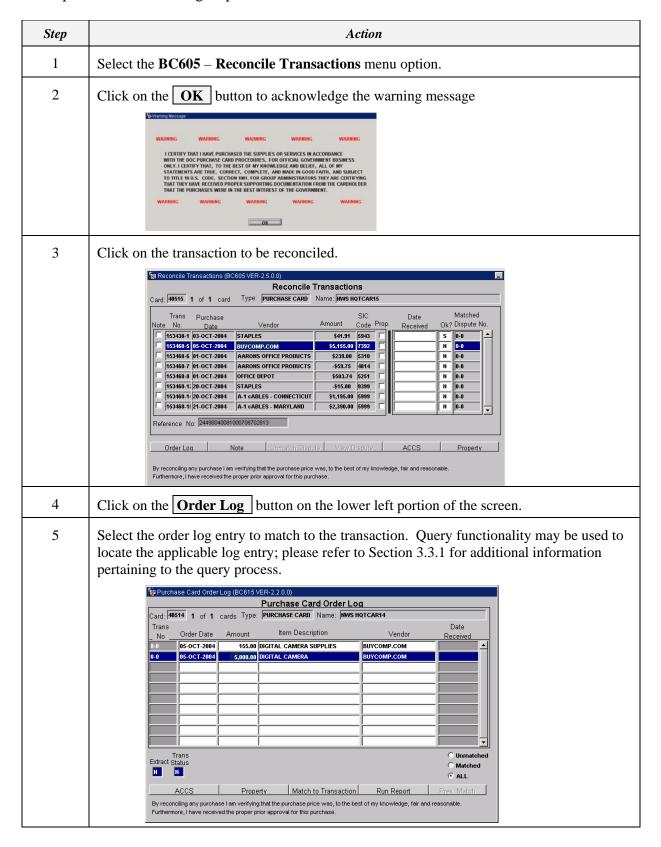
6.1 Reconcile a Transaction Process

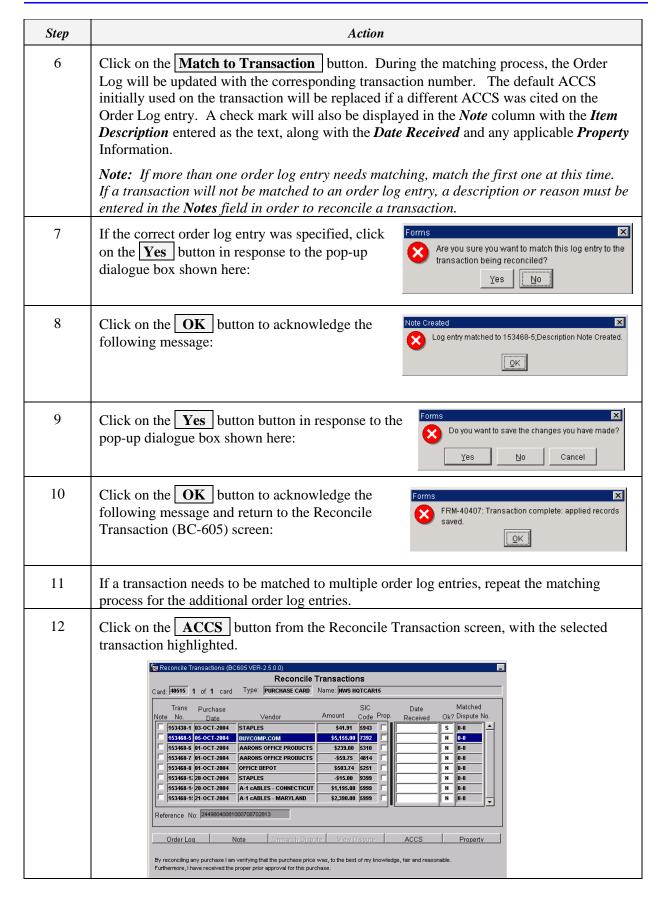
Upon receipt of transactions from the Bankcard Center, the Purchase Card System Administrator loads the data. Transactions are then available in CPCS through the Reconcile Transactions (BC-605) window. All transactions must be reconciled by the cardholder or group administrator. If a third party receives an order charged to the cardholder's account, the cardholder is still responsible for ensuring the receipt of goods and reconciling the transaction(s). After a transaction is reconciled, it is electronically forwarded to the cardholder's approving official for approval. Following the reconciliation and approval of a transaction within CPCS, the obligation is recorded in the Core Financial System -- usually within 24 hours.

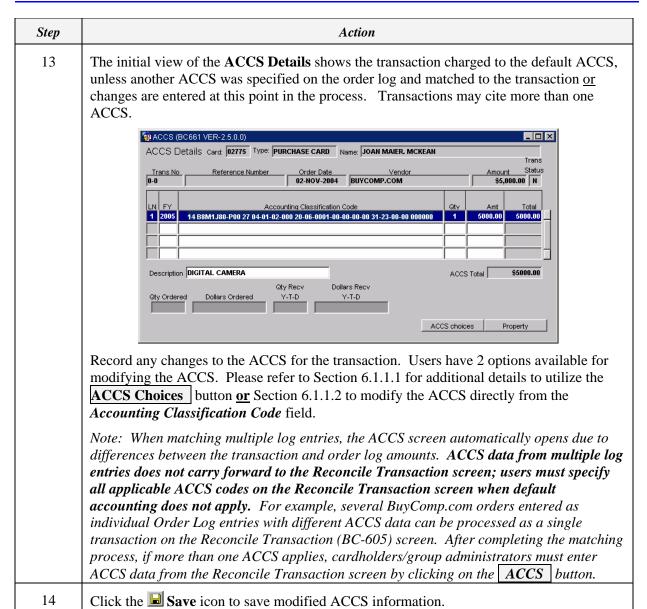
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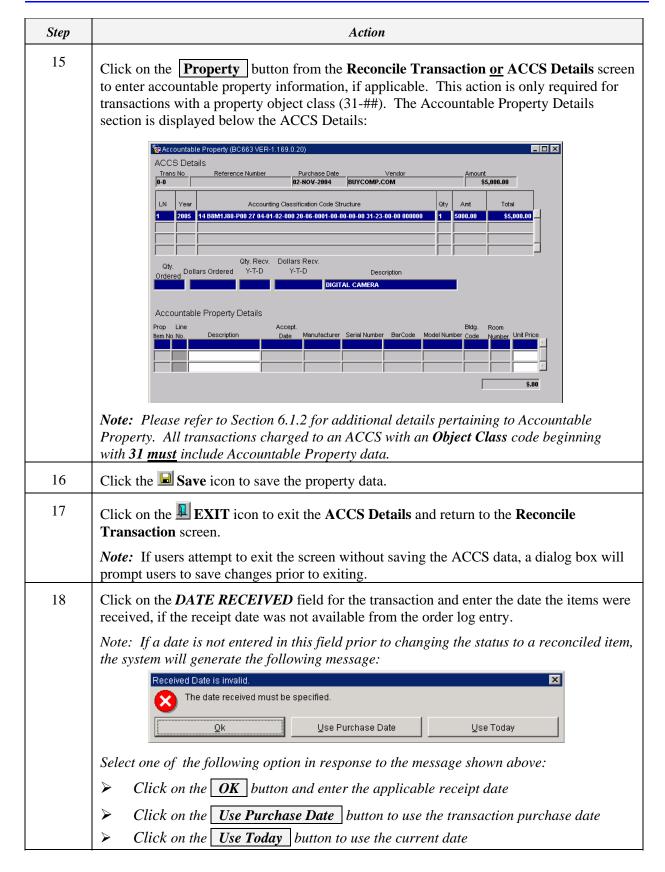


Users perform the following steps to reconcile transactions:









Step	Action	
19	 Click on the N in the OK? Field to open the Status Codes popup. Double-click on Reconciled or Select Reconciled and click on the OK button. Note: Please refer to Section 6.2.1 for details pertaining to disputing a transaction. 	
20	Click the Save icon to complete the reconciliation process. Once a transaction has been reconciled, it is automatically forwarded to the Approving Official and does not appear on the Reconcile Transaction screen.	
	Note: If an Approving Official disapproves a transaction, the status reverts to Not Reconciled(N) and will show up on the Reconcile Transaction screen with the additional note required by the Approving Official upon disapproval of a transaction.	
21	Reconcile additional transactions <u>or</u> click on the EXIT icon to exit the Reconcile Transaction screen and return to the menu.	

6.1.1 ACCS Details

Users have the option of modifying the Accounting Classification Code Structure (ACCS) information applicable to a transaction. All CPCS transactions are initially charged to the cardholder's default ACCS. The cardholder's default ACCS may be modified, another ACCS can be selected from the list of ACCS choices, or costs can be split between multiple ACCS codes.

All components of the ACCS must utilize a valid value. The system validates the ACCS entered by cardholders to ensure that only valid values are used. CPCS provides pop-up screens which list all valid values for a specific ACCS component to facilitate this process.

During the matching process, if a specific ACCS is included on an order log entry, the default ACCS referenced on the transaction will be replaced based on the order log entry. However, cardholders still have the option of changing the ACCS during the reconciliation process.

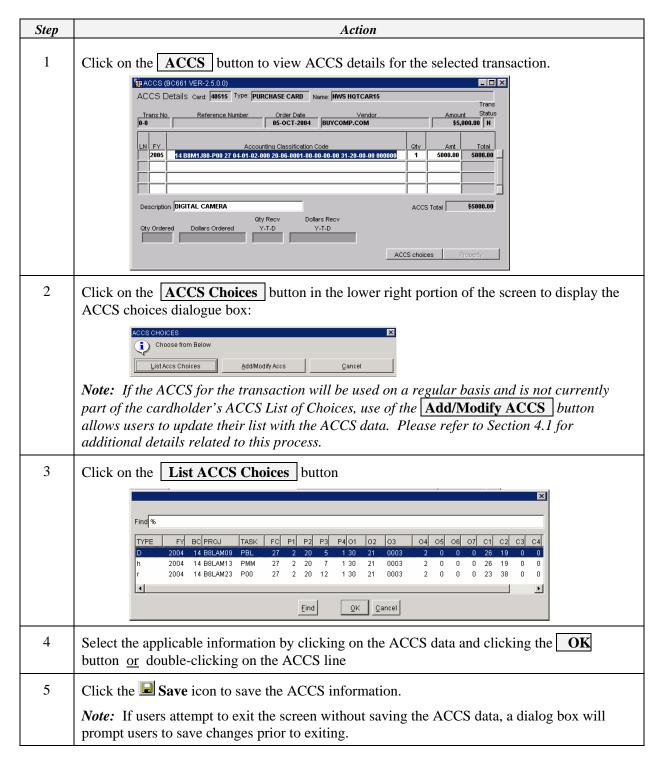
Note: There is currently an issue with how the process works if multiple log orders with different ACCS codes are matched to a single transaction.

The following sub-sections document the 3 options relevant to the ACCS Details screen:

- ♦ Using the Cardholder's List ACCS Choices
- ♦ Modifying the Default ACCS
- Splitting Costs between Multiple ACCS Codes

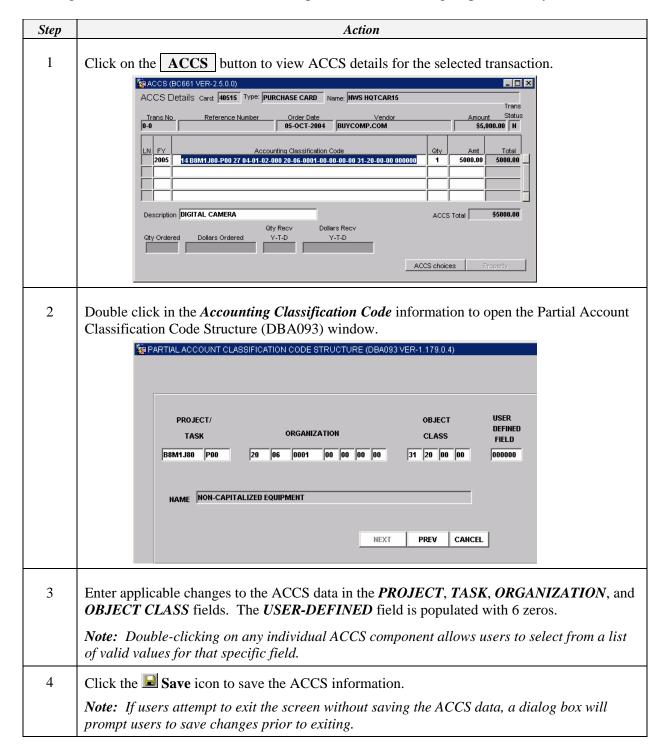
6.1.1.1 ACCS List of Choices

This sub-section documents how to utilize the cardholder's list of ACCS choices. As detailed in Section 4, cardholders can establish a list of ACCS codes which are used on a regular basis. In order to use this process, cardholders must first add ACCS codes to their list. Once a list has been established, users perform the following steps to select from their choices as part of the reconciliation process:



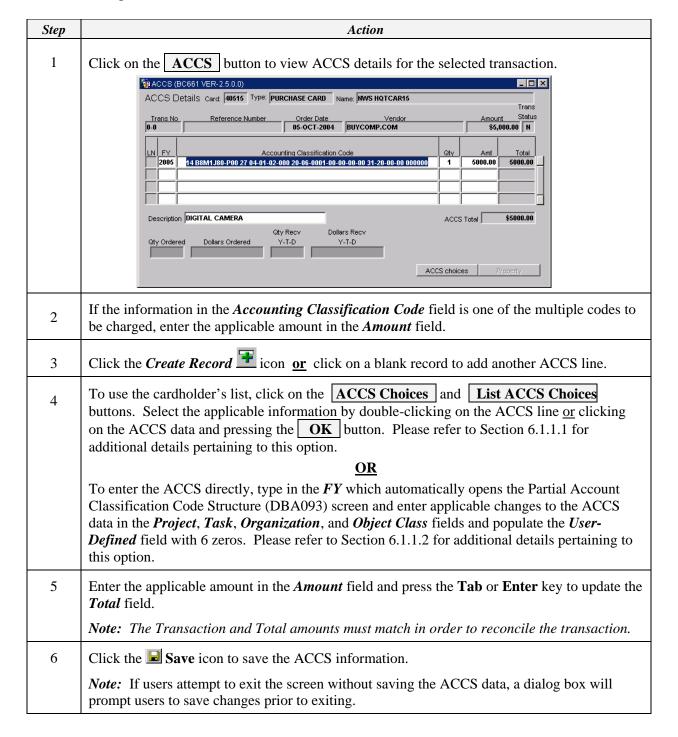
6.1.1.2 Modify ACCS Data

This sub-section documents how to modify the ACCS from the ACCS Detail screen without utilizing the cardholder's ACCS list. Users perform the following steps to modify the ACCS:



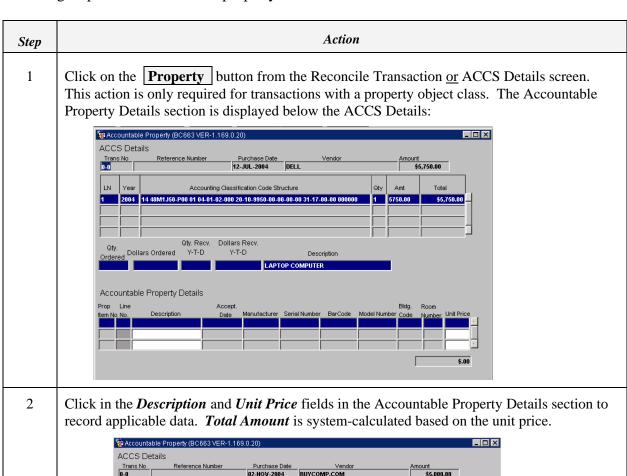
6.1.1.3 Split Costs for Multiple ACCS Codes

Users perform the following steps to split costs between multiple ACCS codes during the reconciliation process:



6.1.2 Record Property Information

Users <u>must</u> record required property information for any transaction that includes an accountable property object class (31-##). Recording personal property data applicable to a specific order(s) on the Purchase Card Order Log screen is optional, but any property information from the order log will be carried forward during the matching process. However, during the reconciliation process, cardholders can add or modify the property data from the order log. After the transaction is reconciled, this data cannot be updated through CPCS. Users perform the following steps to record relevant property information:



Note: Description and Unit Price are the only required fields at this time; the remaining information in this section is optional unless required by the individual approving official.

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Accountable Property Details

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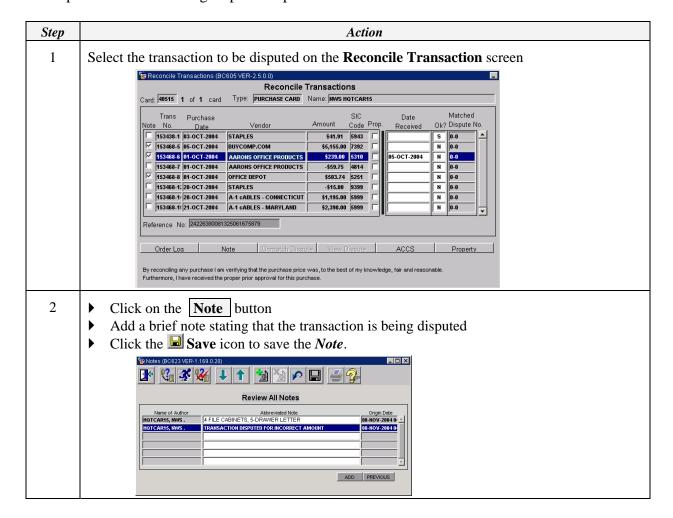
Step	Action
3	Click the Save icon to save the Accountable Property Details.
4	Click on the EXIT icon return to the Reconcile Transaction screen. <i>Note:</i> If users attempt to exit the screen without saving, a dialog box prompts users to save changes prior to exiting.

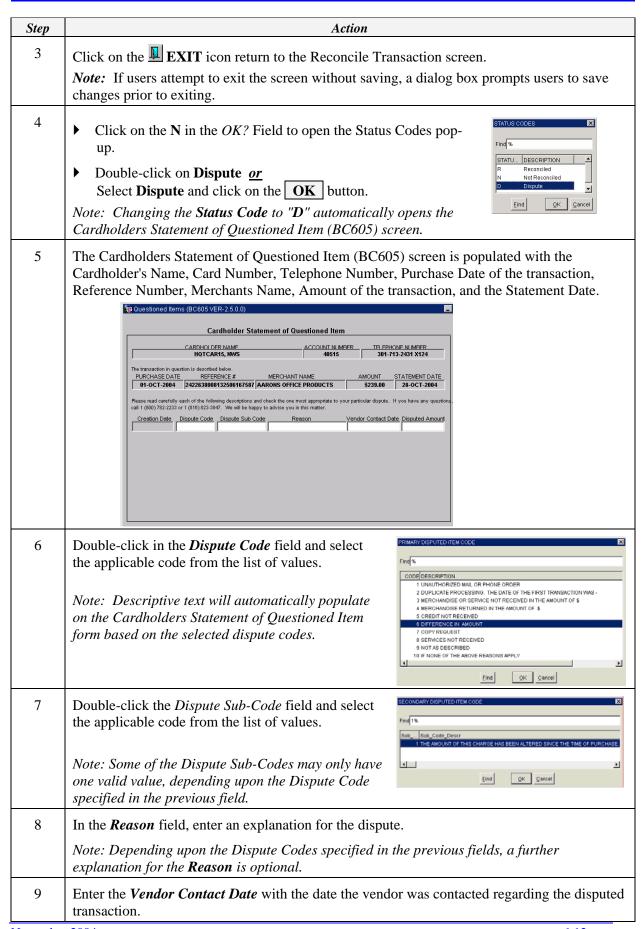
6.2 Dispute Process

There are 3 steps required for disputing a transaction. The process begins with disputing the transaction in the CPCS application. The next step is printing the Dispute Form and the final step is submitting the Government Cardholder Dispute Form to Citibank. Each of these steps are detailed in the following sub-sections.

6.2.1 Dispute a Transaction

Users perform the following steps to dispute a transaction:

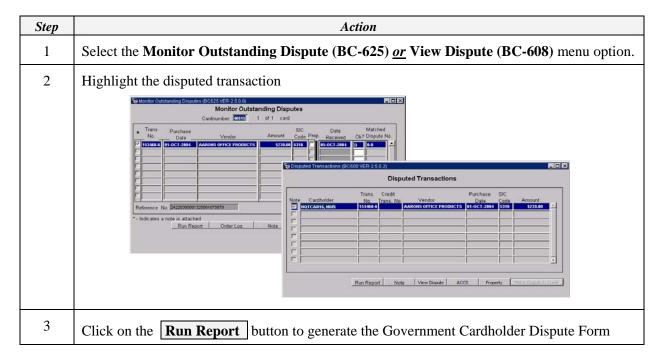


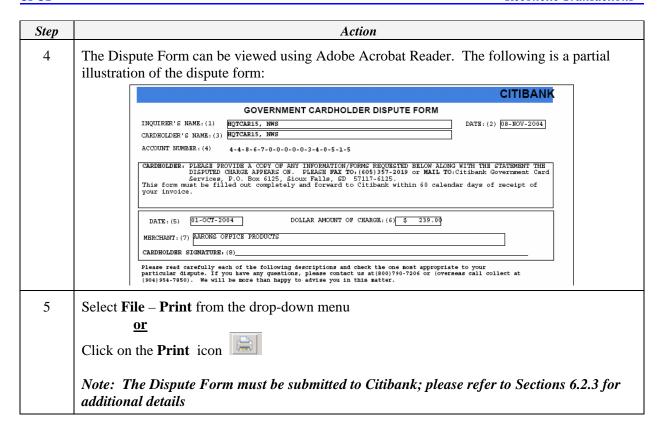


Step	Action	
10	In the <i>Amount</i> field, enter the amount that is being disputed.	
	Note: The amount disputed does not have to be the transaction amount; if there is a difference between the order amount and the transaction amount, the disputed amount is the difference between the two.	
11	Click on the <exit> icon and the system prompts users to Save the Dispute. Save Do you want to save your changes before exiting? Yes No Cancel</exit>	
12	Click Yes to save the dispute and return to the Reconciliation Transaction Screen.	
	Note: The dispute process is not complete until the Dispute Form has been printed and submitted to Citibank; refer to Sections 6.2.2 and 6.2.3 for details pertaining to those steps.	
13	Click the Save icon to save the disputed transaction.	
14	Click on the EXIT icon return to the cardholder's menu. Note: If users attempt to exit the screen without saving, a dialog box prompts users to save changes prior to exiting.	

6.2.1.1 Print the Dispute Form

Users perform the following steps to print the Dispute Form:





6.2.1.2 Submit Dispute Form to Citibank

The most important part of the dispute process is submitting the form to Citibank in a timely manner. Users have 60 days from the date of the statement in which the dispute appears in order to ensure receiving a credit for unauthorized charges. Users perform the following steps to submit the Dispute Form:

Step	Action	
1	Print the Government Cardholder Dispute Form, using the procedures in the previous section.	
2	Verify that the dispute form is complete and accurate with the cardholder name, credit card number, and transaction information.	
3	Sign the dispute form.	
4	Attach any supporting documentation applicable to the disputed transaction.	
5	Submit the form via fax to Citibank Disputes in South Dakota at 605-357-2019. Note: The Cardholder Statement of Questioned Item Screen includes a phone number to call if users have questions. Please disregard this phone number. A request has been submitted to have this screen updated. If you have any questions regarding a disputed transaction in CPCS, please contact the CAMS Client Services Help Desk at 301-427-1023 or your servicing ASC. DO NOT call the Commerce Bankcard Center (CBC).	

6.2.1.3 Dispute Form Example

The Government Cardholder Dispute Form consists of 3 pages. The first section includes the cardholder's name and account information. The next block includes instructions for submitting the form. A signature block appears below the cardholder instructions.

The remainder of the first page includes the descriptions applicable to disputed transactions; this information is continued on the second page. The applicable box within this section is dependent upon the codes specified by the user when disputing a transaction.

The third page of the form contains guidelines for cardholders. This section is numbered and corresponds to the numbers in parentheses contained in the upper portion of the first page.

An example of the Government Cardholder Dispute Form is included on the following pages.

	GOVERNMENT CARDHOLDER DISPUTE FORM
NQUIRER'	S NAME: (1) HQTCAR15, NWS DATE: (2) 08-NOV-2004
ARDHOLDE	R'S NAME:(3) HQTCAR15, NWS
	UMBER: (4) 4-4-8-6-7-0-0-0-0-3-4-0-5-1-5
	R: PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF ANY INFORMATION/FORMS REQUESTED BELOW ALONG WITH THE STATEMENT THE DISPUTED CHARGE APPEARS ON. PLEASE FAX TO: (605) 357-2019 or MAIL TO: Citibank Government Card Services, P.O. Box 6125, Sioux Falls, SD 57117-6125. must be filled out completely and forward to Citibank within 60 calendar days of receipt of ice.
DATE: (5	01-OCT-2004 DOLLAR AMOUNT OF CHARGE: (6) \$ 239.00
ERCHANT:	(7) AARONS OFFICE PRODUCTS
ARDHOLDE	R SIGNATURE: (8)
04)954-7	i carefully each of the following descriptions and check the one most appropriate to your dispute. If you have any questions, please contact us at (800)790-7206 or (overseas call collect at 350). We will be more than happy to advise you in this matter. (9) ZED MAIL OR TELEPHONE ORDER
	I have not authorized this charge to my account. I have not ordered merchandise by
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COPY F	REQUEST
	I recognize this charge, but need a copy of the sales draft for my records.
SERVICE	S NOT RECEIVED - Please enclose a separate statement with the date of the merchant contact and response.
	I have been billed for this transaction, however, the merchant was unable to provide
	the services.
PAID I	FOR BY OTHER MEANS
	My card number was used to secure this purchase, however, final payment was made by check, cash, or another credit card. Enclosed is my receipt, canceled check (front and back), copy
	of credit card statement, or applicable documentation demonstrating that payment was made by
	other means.
OT AS	DESCRIBED
	The item(s) specified do not conform to what was agreed upon with the merchant. (The cardholder must specify what goods, services, things of value were received. The cardholder must have attempted to return the merchandise and state so in his/her complaint.)
F NONE	OF THE ABOVE REASONS APPLY:
	a complete description of the problem, attempted resolution and outstanding issues. Use a separate ϵ and sign and date your description statement.
	Number in parentheses correspond to numbers on guide sheet on next page.

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Form required when disputing a charge(s).

- 1. Inquirer's Name: Name of individual submitting dispute, i.e., Dispute Officer or cardholder.
- 2. Date: Day, month and year for the day the dispute is being filed (i.e., today's date).
- 3. Cardholder's Name: List the name that appears on the account where the charge in dispute resides.
- 4. Account Number: 16-digit account number.
- 5. Date: Indicate the date the transaction in dispute was made.
- 6. Dollar Amount of Charge: Indicate the dollar amount of the transaction in dispute.
- 7. Merchant: Name of the merchant in the transaction dispute.
- 8. Cardholder Signature: Cardholder must sign.
- 9. Error Description: Check the box that most appropriately relates to your type of dispute.

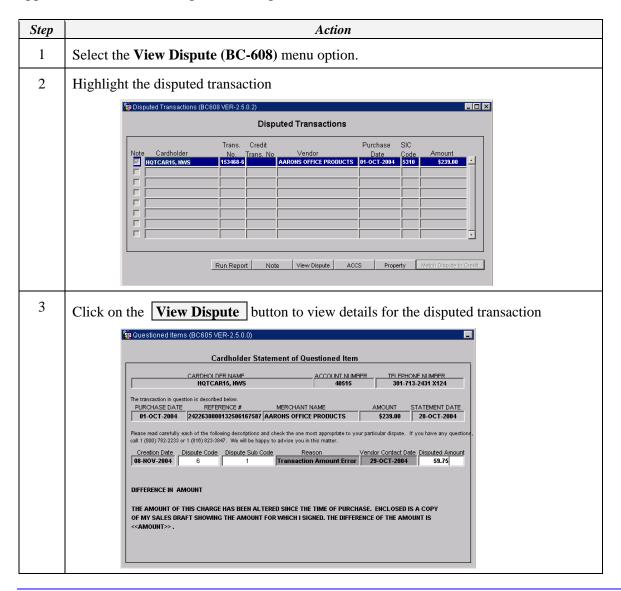
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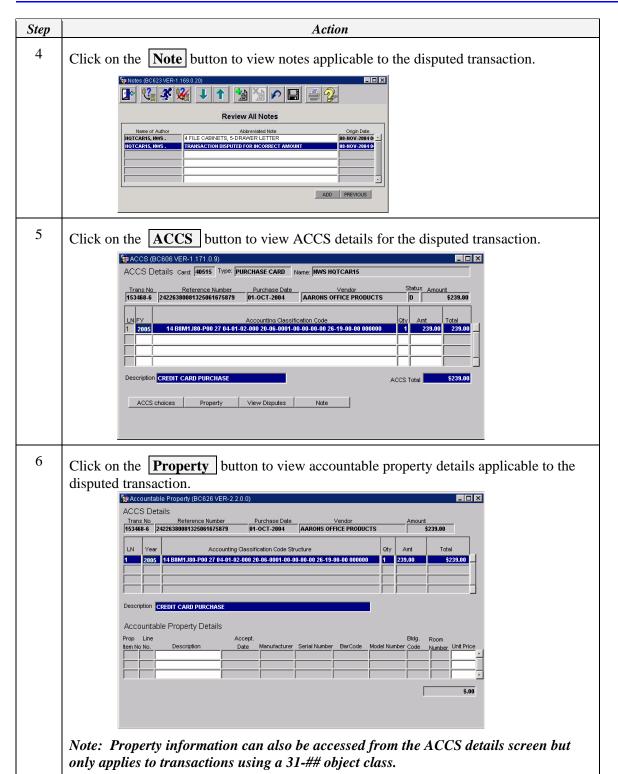
6.2.2 Monitor/View Disputed Transactions

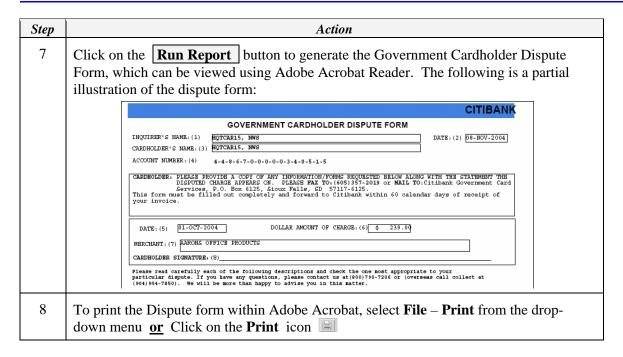
Information pertaining to disputed transactions may be viewed from the Disputed Transactions (BC-608) or Monitor Outstanding Disputes (BC-625) screens. Both of these screens include specific details such as Notes, Transaction Number, Vendor, Purchase Date, Amount, and SIC Code with option buttons for Run Report, Note, View Dispute, ACCS, and Property data. Monitor Outstanding Disputes (BC-625) screen is also used to reconcile disputed transactions upon receipt of applicable credits.

6.2.2.1 View Disputes

In addition to the items listed above, the Disputed Transactions screen also includes the Cardholder and Credit Transaction Number information. Although this screen also includes a button to Match Dispute to Credit, that option is only available when this screen is accessed from during the reconciliation process upon receipt of a credit. Users perform the following steps applicable to the View Dispute menu option:



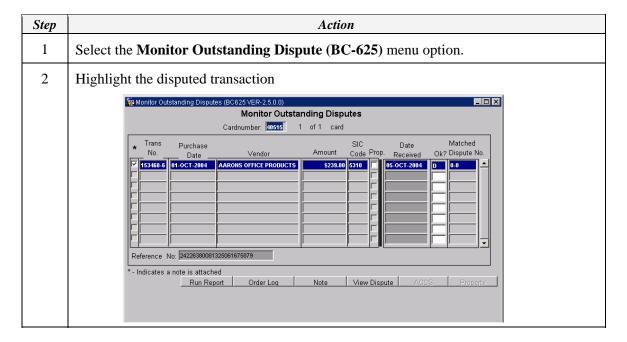


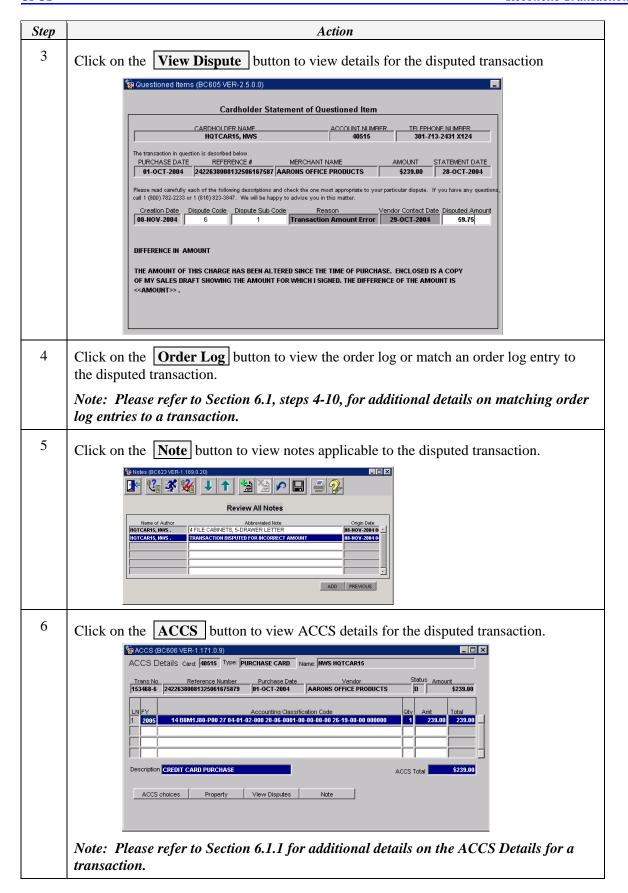


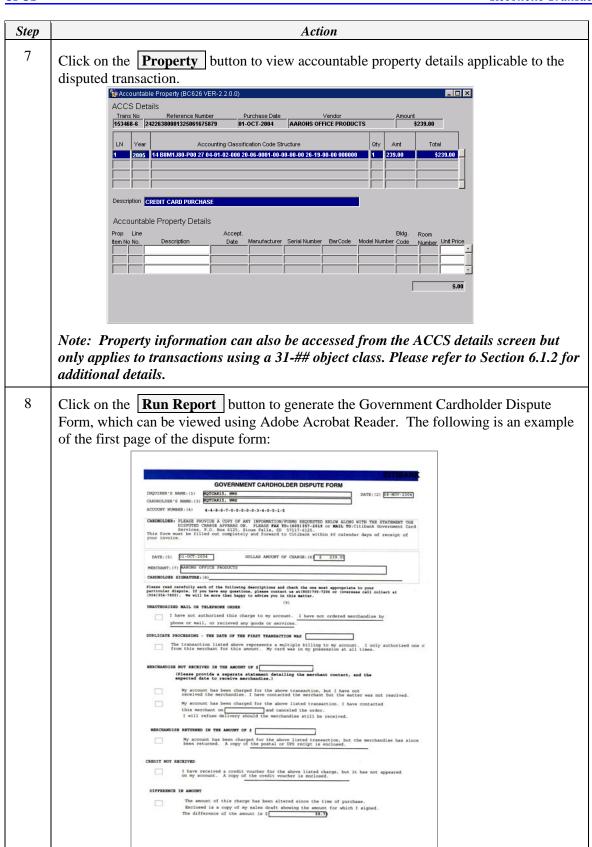
6.2.2.2 Monitor Outstanding Disputes

The Monitor Outstanding Disputes screen is used to view/monitor disputes and to reconcile disputed transactions upon receipt of a credit. In addition to the items shown on the Disputed Transactions screen, the Monitor Outstanding Disputes screen lists data by Cardnumber and includes Property, Date Received, Status, and Matched Dispute Number information. This screen also includes a button option for the Order Log.

Users perform the following steps applicable to the Monitor Outstanding Dispute menu option:







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drop-down menu or click on the Print icon

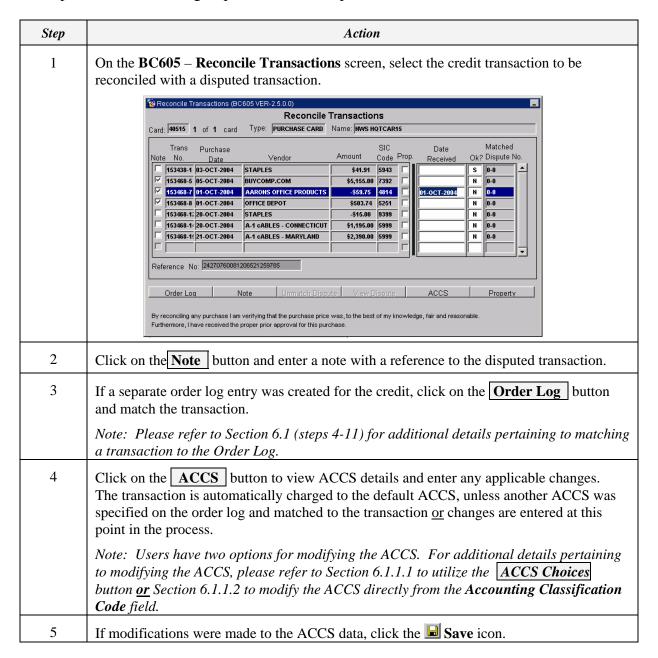
Note: To print the Dispute form within Adobe Acrobat, select File – Print from the

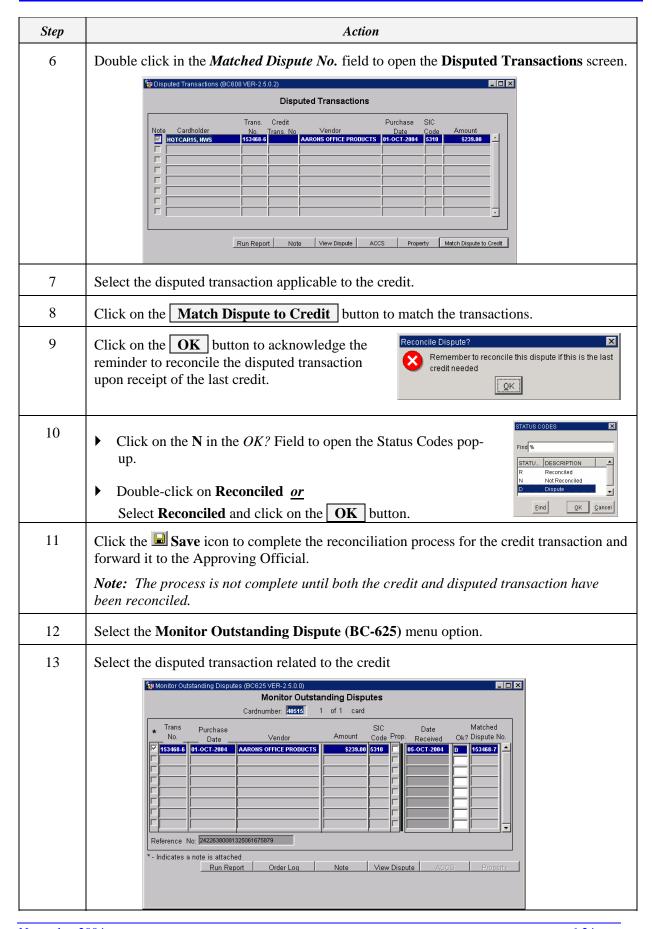
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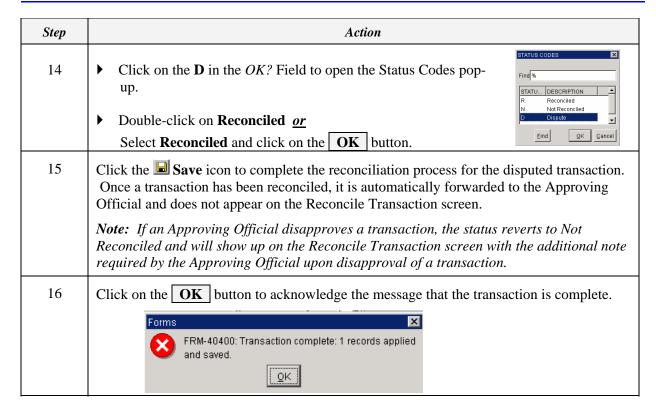
6.2.3 Reconcile Disputed Transactions

Reconciling disputed transactions requires that both the disputed transaction and related credit transaction(s) are reconciled. Credit transactions are reconciled from the Reconcile Transaction screen and the Monitor Outstanding Disputes screen is used to reconcile disputed transactions upon receipt of the final credit. The dispute and associated credit transactions must be charged to the same ACCS.

Users perform the following steps to reconcile disputed transactions:







6.3 Reconcile Swept Transactions

Contract terms require that all transactions are paid each month. As a result, CPCS sweeps all unreconciled and/or unapproved transactions on a monthly basis. The sweep process is necessary in order to process payments through the Core Financial System (CFS). CPCS users receive a notification regarding the specific date each month in advance of the sweep.

Unreconciled transactions are charged to the default ACCS. Transactions that have been reconciled but not approved are charged to the ACCS specified by the cardholder or group administrator. *Cardholders and approving officials are still required to reconcile and approve swept transactions*.

Swept transactions appear on the Reconcile Transaction screen with an "S" in the *OK*? field. The process for reconciling swept transactions is exactly the same as documented in Section 6.1. During the reconciliation process, users may change the ACCS, add notes or accountable property information, or dispute a swept transaction.

<u>The approving official must approve all reconciled swept transactions</u>. In addition, citing a different ACCS and entering other changes after a transaction has been swept won't be corrected in the CFS until the cardholder's approving official approves the transaction.

6.4 Reconcile Credit Transactions

The process for reconciling credit transactions does not differ from reconciling other transactions. During the reconciliation process, users may change the ACCS, add notes or accountable property information, or dispute the transaction. However, there are a couple of things that the user must be aware of as related to credit transactions.

If the credit transaction is not matched to a log order entry, the cardholder/group administrator must enter a note on the Reconcile Transaction screen. The system will not permit a transaction to be reconciled without a check in the Note field. A check mark is automatically inserted upon entry of a note by the user <u>or</u> during the matching process with a log order entry.

For credit transactions related to a dispute, users are required to reconcile the disputed transaction in addition to the credit transaction. Section 6.2.3 documents specific procedures pertaining to this process.